Dear Jim, Norton case 2/1/77

I think I did not make clear why I had taken the Post's 1/28/77 story headed "Va. 'Hearst' Raid Unconstitutional, U.S.Judge Rules."

We did not talk about this yesterday once you said you were aware of the decision.

I noticed what I had marked when I unloaded my bag.

Her counsel is John D. Grad.

The only paragraph I had marked reads:

"Grad said the judge's ruling means that the government can "be held liable for the wrongful acts of its agents, whether or not they acted in good faith.'"

Until this is overturned, as probably the Nixon Supreme Court will do and probably the government will ask it to do, I think it is powerful and has applicability in other kinds of cases, those not involving overt violence, like breaking down doors, and FOIA cases where damage can be shown.

If you get a copy of Mehrige's decision I'd like to read it.

Best,